I.C.P.O. Calendar

04-18 March 2004

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Mar 04 - 18, 2004)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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04/03/2004: Hardy, DL5SBA, will be active as 8Q7BA from about March 4th to 20th from Athuruga Island (AS-013). Activity will be on 20 meters, possibly 30 and 17 meters as well, on RTTY/PSK only. He will use a TS-50 with 50 watts into a wire quad antenna for 20 meters - possibly 17/30m with the tuner. Hardy reports that he will be there on vacation not an expedition, so activity will be sporadic. QSL via bureau (preferred) to DL5SBA. [Tnx OPDX]

04/03/2004: Rosel, CT3/DL3KWR, and Hardy, CT3/DL3KWF, will be QRV March 4th to 18th from Ilha da Madeira (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001). They will operate CW mainly on the WARC bands, typically in their late afternoon and evening hours. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards will be welcome at dl3kwr@darc.de and dl3kwf@darc.de . [Tnx 425DXN]

04/03/2004: Len, K1NU, will be signing K1NU/KH6 from the SeaQMaui resort, Hawaii (OC-019) from March 4th to 9th. Plans include a low-power entry in the ARRL DX Phone Contest, some WARC band operation (mostly CW) before and after the contest, and possibly some 60m operation, if he can get an antenna up. All operating will be casual - vacation mode. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW upon his return home. QSL is also OK via the bureau or direct via his home callsign. [Tnx OPDX]

05/03/2004: Members of the F6KOP ARS of Provins (near Paris) plan to be active as 5V7C from Lome (Grid Loc. JJ06PD, WAZ 35, ITU 46), Togo, between March 5 and 13, 2004. The crew will consist of Dany, F5CW (one of the last TO4E gang); Franck, F4AJQ; Pascal, F5TVG; Pascal, F5JSD; Romain, F8BUI; and Guenther, F5VHQ/OE5TGL. Activity will be on all bands 160 through 6 meter CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F5TVG (Franck Savoldi, P.O. Box 92, F94223 Charenton Cedex France). [Tnx F5NQL]

05/03/2004: Harry, AC8G, will be QRV from Grenada (NA-025) starting March 5th and is expected to depart on the 9th. He will use J37K during the ARRL SSB DX Contest weekend (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via AC8G; a SASE is best, but the bureau is OK (Do NOT send to the J3 Bureau). During the operating hours outside of the contest, he will put an emphasis on non-USA and Canadian QSOs. As a side note, if one sends IRCs be sure the left box is stamped by the issuing post office. His postal office is rejecting those with just a printed Country code or other printed info in that box. [Tnx OPDX]

06/03/2004: Ian, G3TMA, will be will be QRV as 9M2/G3TMA from Pulau Ketam (AS-074) March 6th to 7th and 13th to 14th. Activity will be mostly on CW. QSL to Ian Buffham, Bekay Court, Lorong Enau, 55000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. [Tnx 425DXN]

06/03/2004: Francois (F5JNE) and Claude (F5MCC) will be active as F5JNE/p on 40m SSB, starting around 07:30 UTC Saturday March 6th, from the Saint Andeux Castle (DFCF 21021, Dept 21, Province of Burgundy). QSL

F5JNE via bureau or direct. SWL cards are welcome too. [Tnx F5NQL]

06/03/2004: Look for Michel F5OA/p and Christophe F5UBH/p to be QRV March 6th, starting around 11:00 UTC, from the Cap Levi (Fermanville) lighthouse (DPLF PB-086, ARLHS FRA-719, WW Loc. IN99CI). The lighthouse is located in the Province of Basse Normandie, Departement 50 (Manche). Activity will be on HF and VHF, mainly SSB. QSL via operator's instructions. [Tnx F5NQL]

06/03/2004: Look for ON6UM/L, ON4LO/L and ON4BAG/L to be QRV March 6th from three Belgian lighthouses (BEL 001, BEL 005 and BEL 006). QSL via home calls. [Tnx 425DXN]

06/03/2004: John, KK9A, will be active from the Iguana Villa, Aruba (SA-036) as P40A in the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/Single Band (20m) entry. QSL via WD9DZA. [Tnx OPDX]

06/03/2004: Operators Martin (NW0L), Tom (AE9B), Geoff (W0CG), Jeff (K8ND) and Jerry (WB9Z) will activate the PJ2T contest station on Curacao during the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th) as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via N9AG. [Tnx OPDX]

06/03/2004: Albert, NH7A, will be active from Martinique (NA-107) as TO5A during the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via F5VHJ. [Tnx OPDX]

06/03/2004: Operators John (WE3C), Steven (N3FTI) and Robert (KQ3V) will activate, for the first time, the prefix "VQ5" during the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th) from the Turks and Caicos Islands. Look for them to be active as VQ5A, a Multi/Multi entry in the contest. QSL via KQ3V. [Tnx OPDX]

06/03/2004: XV3AZA (JP3AZA) and XV3BV (JA9BV) will be QRV from Vietnam between March 6th and 14th. Activity will be on 80 through 15 meter SSB, CW (NO WARC bands). QSL via the bureau or direct to JA3DYU. [Tnx JI6KVR]

07/03/2004: Look for Don Fisher, VE3ESE, and members of the Santiago de Cuba University and City Club to activate T48RAC during the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 7-8th) from Santiago de Cuba, Cuba (NA-015). They will beoperating 40 and 20 meters. QSL via VE3ESE: Don Fisher, 48 Lucerne Dr., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2E-1B3 (SASE, with IRC or G/S -- Note Canadian postage only). [Tnx OPDX]

07/03/2004: Gerhard, DL3NBL, will be QRV as TA/DL3NBL/p from Ucadalar Island (AS-115) between March 7th and 14th. He plans to operate on all bands mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

08/03/2004: Jim, G3RTE; Phil, G3SWH and Ray, HS0ZDZ (aka G3NOM), who are all members of FOC and CDXC, in association with Greg, V85GD will be mounting a multi-band, multi-mode DX-pedition to Negara Brunei Darussalam (Brunei) between 8th and 15th March 2004. The main operation will take place from the QTH of Greg, V85GD under the special callsign of V8JIM. A single operator entry will also be made in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest using the special callsign of V8NOM. Brunei is #82 in the 2003 Most Wanted survey by the 425 DX News. The January 2003 ARRL listing shows Brunei at #129. In addition, Brunei counts as OC-088 for the Islands on the Air (IOTA) award. Activity is planned for all bands from 160 to 10 meters and will include CW, SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, they plan to have three stations on the air for

as many hours every day as is possible. Their main objective is to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations on as many bands as possible. They have set an expedition target of 12,000 QSOs, with an approximately equal split between CW, SSB and digital modes. The QSL manager for V8JIM will be G3SWH and for V8NOM will be GM4FDM. [Tnx G3SWH]

09/03/2004: Nicola, I0SNY, plans to be QRV March 9th to 27th as CO/I0SNY from Caibarien, Cuba (NA-015). He plans to concentrate on 17, 12 and 6 meters. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

10/03/2004: Pete (K8PT) and Craig (K3PLV) are off to the Channel Islands again. This is their 4th year in a row. They will be operating from Jersey (EU-013) between March 10th and 17th courtesy of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society. Callsigns will be MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV. They should have 2 amplifiers operating this year which will help them during cycle 23 propagation. They will be operating all HF bands and modes of SSB, CW, RTTY, and will concentrate on the lower bands during darkness. QSL via individual home callsigns. [Tnx OPDX]

10/03/2004: Operators BV8BC, BV8BM, BV8BQ, BV8CM, BX8AAA and BM8BTM will be QRV as BV9O from Orchid Island (AS-155) March 11th to 15th. QSL direct to BV8BC (Bill-Chen, P.O. Box 222, Taitung 950, Taiwan). [Tnx 425DXN]

10/03/2004: David, M0CNP, will be QRV March 10th to 22nd as M0CNP/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005). Activity will be on 80 through 10 meter SSB, CW and maybe RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

11/03/2004: Bert, PA3GIO, will be QRV March 11th to 18th as PA3GIO/HI9 from Las Terrenas, Dominica Republic (NA-096). He plans to operate on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

11/03/2004: Look for Gaetano (I8IHG), Nello (IK8HVJ), Salvatore (IK8NTN), Achille (IZ8CKS), Luigi (IZ8ENR) and Andrea (IK8GDA) to be QRV March 13th from Vivara Island (IOTA EU-031, IIA NA-005). Activity will be on 80 through 6 meter SSB. QSLs via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

14/03/2004: Harry, W6DXO, will be QRV as KP2/W6DXO from the island of St. John in the US Virgin Islands (NA-106) between March 14th and 19th. Activity will be focused on 17, 12 and 10M. SSB and PSK activity planned. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx W6DXO]

15/03/2004: A35DH (QSL via DH3WO) A35DJ (QSL via DJ2HD) and A35DA (QSL via DL5DAN) will be QRV March 15th to 29th from Fafa (OC-049). Activity will be on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. [Tnx F5NQL]

15/03/2004: The Lockyer Valley Radio Club will be QRV March 15th to 19th as VK4FRI from Fraser Island (OC-142). Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB, PSK and SSTV. QSL direct only to P.O. Box 101, Laidley, QLD 4341, Australia. [Tnx 425DXN]

17/03/2004: Moscow Contest Club members RD3AF, RN3AZ, RU3AV, RZ3DU, UA3DX and UA3AKO will operate as R1FJ from Franz Josef Land (EU-019) between March 17th and 25th, from the Island of Zemlya Aleksandry (RRA reference RR-05-04, RDA reference AR-32). They will operate on all bands

CW, SSB and RTTY, and will participate in the Russian DX Contest (20-21 March). QSL via DL6ZFG (Rolf Rahne, P.O. Box 15. 39241 Gommern, Germany) or, For Russia and CIS countries, via UA3AKO (Victor Slabodchikov, P.O Box 867, Moscow, 119334, Russia). Financial support will be appreciated via either DL6ZFG (dl6zfg@dl6zfg.de) or UA3AKO (ua3ako@mail.ru). [Tnx 425DXN]

18/03/2004: Look for Andy, DL4OK/p, to be QRV March 18th to 25th from Staberhuk Lighthouse (ARLHS reference FED-226) located on Fehmarn Island (IOTA EU-128, DID O-01 for the German Islands Award). Activity will be on 80 through 10 meter CW and SSB. QSL via the DARC bureau to DL4OK. [Tnx DL4OK]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

21/03/2004: The members of the VK6 DX Chasers Club wish to advise that we will be conducting an expedition to Woody Island (OC-170). This will take place from around 06:00 UTC on March 21 to around 16:00 UTC on March 27. This is our second visit to this island which is part of the Recherche Archipelago, located 15 km from the town of Esperance and some 600km South East of Perth. Up to 3 stations will be active on 40 through 10 meters including 12 meters and 17 meters. There may be some 80 meter operation if conditions and static levels permit. The callsign is yet to be advised. Operators will be, VK6NE, VK6NU, VK6APK, VK6YEL, VK6KTN and VK6ZPP. All requests for QSL's are to go to Neil, VK6NE. [Tnx VK6APK]

23/04/2004: The team of DL8RL/p (Axel), DL8DZL/p (Klaus), DF3UFW/p (Falk) and DL2DSL/p (Jorg) will be QRV April 23rd to 30th from Usedom Island (IOTA EU-129, DID O-13 for the German Islands Award). They also plan to activate Schlossinsel (O-31) and Grosser Wotig (O-35), for the German Islands Award. QSL via the DARC bureau is preferred. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/05/2004: Jim, MM0BQI, plans an IOTA expedition to the uninhabited Treshnish Islands off the west coast of Scotland is scheduled for the first week in May, 2004. He will operate as MM0BQI/P from the island of Lunga (IOTA EU-108, IOSA NH17, SCOTIA DI09), the largest in the Treshnish group. Activity will be on all bands 80-6m, SSB, CW, RTTY using IC706g and IC7400 transceivers. Antennas will be Butternut verticals and wire dipoles. QSL via the bureau or direct to Jim Martin, MM0BQI, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, SCOTLAND. All surplus money from direct QSLs will be donated to the Hebridean Trust, who own and work to preserve the islands and whose permission to land and operate is gratefully acknowledged. [Tnx MM0BQI]

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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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